



WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM

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To reduce potential fire hazards, each year the City of Upland City Council adopts a resolution declaring weeds, grasses and vegetation that are unmaintained, dead, or dying and rubbish on the public rights-of-way and on private properties within the City to be a public nuisance. The City also implements an inspection program that identifies properties that violate the City's Weed Abatement Ordinance and encourages voluntary compliance through a series of notifications sent to the property owner before assessing penalties on non-compliant properties.

How often do I need to do weed abatement on my property?

Some vegetation grows faster than others, so it is recommended that you should remove any weeds and nuisances from your property at least once a month. It is also important to note that alleyway and easement areas are the property owner's responsibility to maintain.

What is Abatement?

Abatement is the removal of the nuisance/fire hazard by a contractor for the City of Upland pursuant with the City of Upland Municipal Code Section 8.12.050. Abatement is what takes place after weed abatement requirements are not met.

Weed and Brush Clearance Requirements

- Keep your grass or ground covering low- below 4 inches. During a fire, flames grow to over 3 times the height of the vegetation. Alleyway and easement areas are the property owner's responsibility to maintain.
- Keep your trees high- at least 6 feet up from the ground for the lowest branches on trees over 18 feet tall. Shorter trees need to be limbed up at least a 1/3 of the tree size. Clear any dead or dying material from under the trees. You want to keep the fire out of the trees. A fire in the trees is hard to fight.
- Provide separation between each plant or shrub at least 3 times the height of the plant between each plant. This practice will decrease the intensity of a fire by creating a smaller fuel source.
- Prune your shrubs and plants removing a few inches from the ground up. Clear all dead material. A fire can smolder and restart with dead material hidden under these plants.

Weed and Brush Clearance Requirements Continued...

- Pull all vegetation at least 10' away from roadsides and driveways. These are your escape routes, and you need to leave some room to pass through these areas.
- Provide 10' clearance between you and your neighbor's property. This area would be used by firefighters to fight a fire.
- Clear pine needles and dead ground material. Some ground cover is good but anything over 2 inches creates a place for smoldering fire.

Alleyways and Easements

Alleyway and easement areas adjacent to your private property are your responsibility to maintain. There are no exceptions in the City of Upland. Please keep your alleyways and easement areas clear of weeds and overgrown vegetation, and trim your trees back. Your trees cannot overhang past your wall or fence. Overgrown vegetation is a fire hazard and a safety issue when large vehicles need to access these areas.



You can help protect your property from potential fire hazards and avoid violations by maintaining your property on a regular basis throughout the year. For information on the Weed Abatement ordinance and program requirements, please visit www.uplandca.gov/weed-abatement or scan the QR code:



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